

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

In the substitute specification, replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 6 with:

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Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an elevator system of one embodiment of the present invention and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of another embodiment of an elevator system of the present invention. In the figures, the same components designated by the same reference numbers as those in Figs. 5 and 6 in connection with the background art are identified by the same reference numbers. In the reference numbers 1 is a hoistway, 2 is an elevator car which is a member ascending and descending within the hoistway, 3 is a hoist for driving the car 2 up and down, 4 is a main rope wound on the hoist 3 for supporting the car 2, 5 is a counter weight supported on the main rope 4 at the opposite side of the car 2, 6 is a control panel for driving and controlling the hoist 3, 7 are car guide rails disposed for guiding the car 2 moving up and down, 8 are counter weight guide rails for guiding the counter weight 5 moving up and down along the hoist way, 9 is a landing floor at which the passengers enter into and exit from the elevator car 2, 10 is a floor door disposed at the landing floor 9, 11 is a car door mounted to the car 2 and opened and closed in connection with the landing floor door 10, and 12 is a door mechanism for supporting the car door 11 and operating with the car door 11 suspended therefrom. 13 is a car sill for guiding the car door 11 sliding between the open and closed positions, 14 is a landing floor door mechanism for supporting the landing floor door 10, 15 is a landing floor sill for guiding the landing floor door 10 sliding between the open and closed position, 16 is a building structural member projecting into the hoistway 1 supporting the landing floor sill 15, ~~and~~ 17 is an opening portion provided in the hoistway 1 for providing the access to the elevator car 2, and 20 is a face of the hoistway wall.

In the substitute specification, replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21 with:

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In this elevator system, the control panel 6 is disposed within the hoistway and above the protrusions, such as the landing floor door mechanism 14, ~~the landing floor sill 15,~~ and the building structure member 16, that project from the face 18 into the hoistway, and above the landing floor sill 15, and has a thickness projecting into the hoistway at a position above the car door mechanism. It is to be noted that the elevator car 2 does not interfere with the control panel 6 because the latter is disposed above the highest position 19 of the elevator car 2 in the hoistway. Therefore, the thickness of the control panel 6 can be designed without

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D<sub>2</sub> being limited by the dimensions of the protrusions from the hoistway wall. Also, the amount of protrusion of the control panel into the hoistway above the car can be reduced by an amount corresponding to the dimension of the protrusions mentioned above, so that interference at the time of maintenance of the control panel by personnel on the top of the car can be alleviated. By making the protrusion extend above the door mechanism so no one steps on the door mechanism during maintenance, almost no obstacle to maintenance is generated. Also, the surface of the control panel is close to the maintenance area of the car, so that the maintenance of the control panel is easy.

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